

REMARKS

The amendment document filed on May 23, 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has allegedly failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 (c). In order for Applicant's amendment document filed on December 7, 2006 to be compliant, correction of the following
5 item(s) has been required. According to the Notice, inconsistencies exist in status of claims 1-29. Accordingly, Applicants hereby re-submit the entire "Claims" section.

Applicants understand that since the allegedly non-compliant amendment is a reply to a non-final office action, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a time period of one month from the mailing of this notice
10 within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment.

SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the remarks above, the present application, including presently amended pending claims 1-29, is in condition for allowance and solicit action to that end.

5 If there are any matters that may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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